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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2003

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed November 13, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was February 13, 2004.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to March 15, 2004, (March 13, 2004, being a Saturday and March 14, 2004, being a Sunday) which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No..

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

There are no Amendments to the Drawings in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.